

Vermont Secretary of State
Office of Professional Regulation
STATE VETERINARY BOARD
UNAPPROVED MINUTES
MEETING of THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2007

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:11 a.m.

Members present: Robert Bergman, D.V.M., Vice-Chair; Kristin Haas, D.V.M., Ronald Svec, D.V.M., Secretary, and Linda Johnston. Absent: Mark Basol, D.V.M. Chair.

OPR Staff Present: Carla Preston, Unit Administrator and Diane Lafaille, Board Administrator.

2. Dr. Haas made a motion to accept the Minutes of the December 14, 2006 meeting as written, seconded by Ms. Johnston. Approved.
3. Dr. Svec moved, seconded by Dr. Haas, to approve the following applicants for licensure:

Berl, Erica, DVM
Cochran, Sarah, DVM
Doran, Mark, VMD

Jones, Kimberley, DVM
Van Ness, Holly, DVM
Valentino, Louis, DVM
Winters, Tracy, VMD

4. **Hearings/Stipulations/Closing Reports/Follow-Ups**

Closing reports were tabled until the next meeting.

5. **Proposed Legislation**

- A. The change in the active practice requirement for endorsement applicants is currently in the Office Bill.
- B. The Acupuncture Advisors would like to come speak with the Board regarding acupuncturists being allowed to work with animals. The Board is willing to speak with them regarding this issue. They should make an appointment to come in and speak with the Board at a regularly scheduled Veterinary Board meeting.

6. **Miscellaneous Correspondence**

- A. The Canadian Association of Animal Technologists and Technicians submitted a letter to the Board requesting that they include graduates of CVMA accredited programs to be eligible for licensure in Vermont. The Board understands the importance of this and if the Board determines to regulate this profession, Veterinary Technologists, they will take this under consideration.

7. **Continuing Education**

- A. New England Owners and Breeders Association submitted a request for a course entitled, "Alpaca Veterinary Seminar" for 6 continuing education credits. Dr. Svec moved, seconded by Dr. Haas to approve this course. Approved.

- B. Dr. Mark Basol submitted a request for a course entitled, "Level I and II Dental Training Seminar" for 6 continuing education credits. Ms. Johnston moved, seconded by Dr. Svec to approve this course. Approved.
- C. Dr. Linda Tikofsky submitted a request for a course entitled, "Understanding Organics: Livestock Health and Management" for 16 continuing education credits. Dr. Svec moved, seconded by Dr. Haas to deny this request as the course is not medically based and it is not related to the practice of Veterinary medicine. Approved.

8. **National Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (NBVME) - None to report.**

9. **American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) – None to report.**

10. **Strategic Planning**

- a. Newsletter – some topics to be addressed in the newsletter include: policies, record keeping, active practice requirement, animal cruelty, alternative therapies, communication, continuing education requirements, rulemaking, and the Department of Health – inspections of veterinary practices. Board members should contact Ms. Preston with suggestions and drafts of what should be included in the upcoming newsletter.
- b. Discussion on Rules will be addressed at the Board's next meeting. The Board will discuss options for licensure on the basis of endorsement. One option would be to change the Rule to read, "holds a current license in good standing in another state, a territory of the United States or a Canadian province whose requirements are substantially equivalent to the requirements of this chapter."

Another option would be: "The board may issue a license to an individual who is currently licensed or certified in another jurisdiction in good standing in a state whose licensing standards are not substantially equivalent to those under this chapter, provided the individual has been in active practice of no fewer than 3,000 hours during the three years immediately preceding application, and the Board determines that the applicant's experience provides assurance of competency in areas where the other state's licensing standards are not substantially equivalent to those of this chapter."

- c. Definition or rewording of clinical practice – Once the active practice requirement is deleted from the Board's rules, this may not be necessary to do.

11. Public Comment

12. The meeting was adjourned at 11:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Lafaille, Board Administrator